

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Original) A polyacetal molding composition comprising
  - a) from 20 to 99% by weight of a polyacetal homo- or copolymer,
  - b) from 0.1 to 80% by weight of an additive, and
  - c) up to 1.0% by weight of a catalyst which catalyzes a chemical reaction between the polyacetal matrix polymer and the surface of the additive,where the catalyst does not comprise the element boron and is not a Brönsted acid.
2. (Currently amended) A long-fiber-reinforced polyacetal molding composition as claimed in claim 1 comprising
  - d) ~~from~~ **a)** **from** 20 to 90% by weight of a polyoxymethylene homo- or copolymer,
  - e) ~~from~~ **b)** **from** 10 to 80% by weight of a reinforcing fiber,
  - f) ~~from~~ **c)** **from** 0.00001 to 0.5% by weight of at least one catalyst which catalyzes a chemical reaction between the polyacetal homo- or copolymer and the surface of the reinforcing fiber.
3. (Original) The polyacetal molding composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the amount of component a) is from 20 to 99% by weight, that of component b) is from 0.1 to 80% by weight, and that of component c) is from 0.00001 to 0.5% by weight.
4. (Original) The polyacetal molding composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein a catalyst or

a mixture of catalysts is used which catalyzes transesterification, transamidation, or transurethanization reactions, or which catalyzes the formation of ester groups, amide groups, and urethane groups.

5. (Original) The polyacetal molding composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the catalyst is selected from the group consisting of phosphonium salts, phosphanes, ammonium salts, sulfonium salts, titanates, titanyl compounds, zirconates, and their mixtures.
6. (Currently amended) The polyacetal molding composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the additive is selected from the group consisting of mineral fillers, reinforcing fibers, impact modifiers, ~~or their~~ **and their** mixtures.
7. (Currently amended) The polyacetal molding composition as claimed in claim 6, wherein the impact modifier is selected from the group consisting of polyurethanes, two-phase mixtures of polybutadiene and styrene-acrylonitrile (ABS), modified polysiloxanes, silicone rubbers, graft copolymers of an elastomeric, single-phase core based on polydiene and a hard graft shell (core-shell structure), ~~or mixtures~~ **and mixtures** of these components.
8. (Currently amended) The polyacetal molding composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the catalyst is selected from the group consisting of ethyltriphenylphosphonium bromide, tetraphenylphosphonium bromide, tetrabutylphosphonium bromide,

stearyltributylphosphonium bromide, triphenylphosphane, n-butyl titanate, ~~or their~~ **and their** mixtures.

9. (Original) The polyacetal molding composition as claimed in claim 2, wherein the long-fiber-reinforced polyacetal molding composition is a glass-fiber bundle which has been sheathed with one or more layers of the polyacetalhomo- or copolymer, so that the fibers have been impregnated with the polyacetalhomo- or copolymer.
10. (Original) The polyacetal molding composition as claimed in claim 9, wherein the glass-fiber bundle has been wetted by the polyacetal homo- or copolymer or by a blend of polyacetal homo- or copolymers and the impregnated glass-fiber bundle has been sheathed by another component, and the impregnated glass-fiber bundle and the other component have been bonded to one another at the surface.
11. (Original) A molded article obtainable via shaping of a polyacetal molding composition as claimed in claim 1.
12. (New) The polyacetal molding composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the catalyst is selected from the group consisting of phosphonium salts, phosphanes, sulfonium salts, titanyl compounds, and their mixtures.
13. (New) The polyacetal molding composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the catalyst is a titanyl compounds of the structure  $[Ml^{p+}]_s[TiO]^{2+}[A^-]_t$ , wherein p is 1 or 2,

s is 0, 1 or 2,

M1 is a mono- or divalent metal,

A is an r-valent anion,

r and t, independently of one another, are 1 or 2, and

s\*p+2 is equal to r\*t.

14. (New) The polyacetal molding composition as claimed in claim 13, wherein

M1 is an alkali metal cation,

A is an acetic acid or oxalic acid,

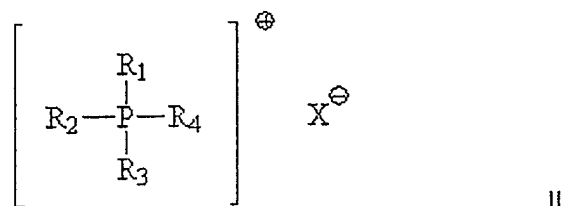
p=1,

s=0 or 2,

r=1 or 2, and

t=2.

15. (New) The polyacetal molding composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the catalyst is phosphonium salts which are compounds of the formula II



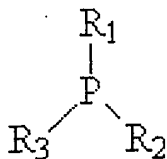
where R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>3</sub>, and R<sub>4</sub> are identical or different, and are monovalent organic radicals,

X is be a halogen atom, and/or an -OR or -R group, where R is alkyl or aryl.

16. (New) The polyacetal molding composition as claimed in claim 15, wherein

$R_1$  to  $R_4$  are identical or different and have from 2 to 10 carbon atoms and at least one of the radicals  $R_1$  to  $R_4$ , is an aryl radical.

17. (New) The polyacetal molding composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the catalyst is phosphanes of the formula IIa



IIa

where the radicals  $R_1$  to  $R_3$  are identical or different, and are monovalent organic radicals.